

# Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Worship Schedule

### Saturday, 15 November

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation  
4 pm ... †Annette Morneau by Pauline Morneau

### Sunday, 16 November

7:30 am ... †Deceased members of Coulon and Doucet families by Lionel and Lillian Coulon

9:30 am ... Our Parish Family

4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

5 pm ... †Colleen Grady by Gerry and Sylvia Grady

### Monday, 17 Nov. **Eliz. of Hungary, Margaret of Scotland**

12 pm ... †Simone Beaudoin by a dear friend

### Tuesday, 18 November

9 am ... †Cecile D. Moore by a dear friend

### Wednesday, 19 November **Saint Mechtild**

11:30 am ... Confession & Reconciliation

12 pm ... †Poor souls in Purgatory by the Pereira family

7 pm ... †Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

### Thursday, 20 November

8:30 am ... †Romain & †Louise Marcoux by Diane Gallant

### Friday, 21 November **Presentation of the B.V.M.**

5:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

6 pm ... †Paul Boisvert by Tony and Dorene Turner

### Saturday, 22 November **Saint Cecilia**

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

4 pm ... †Charles Richard by Lionel and Lillian Coulon

### Sunday, 23 November **Solemnity of Christ the King**

7:30 am ... †Marion Lefebvre (16th Anniv.) by Dottie DeCotis

9:30 am ... Our Parish Family

4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation



**Sanctuary candle** The sanctuary candle burns this week for †Mary and †Fred Raymond by Lucille Baldoumas.



On **Thursday, Nov. 20, at 7 pm**, the parish book group will commemorate the 100th anniversary of World War I with a discussion of *Regeneration*, an award-winning novel by British writer Pat Barker. Based on the true story of British poet Siegfried Sassoon, himself a decorated war hero, the novel explores the ethical dimensions of warfare and the growing understanding of post-traumatic stress disorder. Books and reading guides are available at the rectory for a cost of \$14. **Readers are asked to bring along any World War I memorabilia and/or photos.** Please join us in the conference room at the back of the church!



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, 16 November

9:20 am ... Children's Religious Ed—Parish Hall

10:45 am ... Catholic Faith Explained—SBA Library

6—9 pm ... Soup (6pm) and Movie Night (6:30pm)

### Monday, 17 November

6—7:30 pm ... Youth Ministry/Grades 6-8—Library

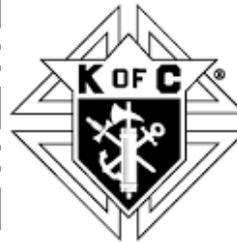
7—8 pm Food Pantry

### Tuesday, 18 November

12:30 pm ... Parish Nurse—Church Conf Room

### Thursday, 20 November

7—9 pm Parish Book Discussion Group



The Knights of Columbus will celebrate a memorial Mass for the deceased members of the K of C on **Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 7 pm** in the Chapel. Fr. Robert Smolley, chaplain, will be the celebrant. All are invited to attend!



### Treasures of Our Hearts

Please join us as we prepare for the Advent season through reflection, prayer and fellowship. Our annual Women's Advent Retreat will be **Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 am to 3:30 pm** at Joseph House (279 Cartier Street). Just as Mary, the Blessed Mother of our Lord, treasured things in her heart, so too do we treasure things in our hearts. God meets us through the old and the new as we look forward to the time when Christ was born into our world. A donation of \$15 is requested to cover the cost of hospitality and lunch. Please call the parish office at 623.2604 or email Kerri at [secretary@saint-raphael-parish.com](mailto:secretary@saint-raphael-parish.com) if you plan to attend. All are welcome—bring a friend!

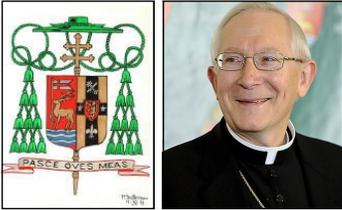
## A Pollyanna view of death and judgment cheats the dead of our prayers

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord*

At the very beginning of November, we celebrated two important feasts that are deeply rooted in Catholic faith and piety: **All Saints Day** on Nov. 1 and **All Souls Day** on Nov. 2.

These are celebrations of the “communion of saints” that we mention every time we recite **the Creed**. This doctrine tells us that the Church consists not only of the living who are still “fighting the good fight” on earth, but also those who are **triumphant in heaven** (All Saints) and **those in Purgatory** (All Souls) who still need **purification** in order to enter heaven.

The **souls in Purgatory** are the special focus of the month of **November**. Purgatory



**Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, right, and his coat of**

**of God** – and the love and **prayers** of those on earth and in heaven – can embrace that person and help purify whatever might still need to be purified in order to see God “face to face.”

Except for those dead whose presence in heaven is confirmed by miracles and the Church’s **canonization**, we simply cannot know the state of a deceased person’s soul. **God alone is capable of knowing the truth of each and every person**. Since we cannot know even ourselves, much less others, as God knows us, it is an ancient instinct of Catholic piety, firmly rooted in **Scripture and Tradition**, that we commend to the mercy of God all those who have passed from this world (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1030-1032).

Heaven is, no doubt, home to countless saints – including relatives and friends – whose names will never appear on the Church calendar. But **we do the dead no eternal kindness** by denying the possibility that on the other side of the grave they may still have to undergo purification from the effects of sin. When I die, I certainly want the **benefit of Masses and prayers** offered for me.

Today there are spiritual and cultural



Purgatory, the resurrection of the body and the importance of praying for the dead and offering Masses for them, are hardly mentioned. While “a moment of silence” to remember a recently deceased person is appropriate in secular and inter-religious settings, it is **Catholic tradition** at such a moment to offer the following prayer aloud by everyone: “Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”

We are also witnessing a shift in funeral practices. Traditionally, Catholic funeral rites have consisted of **three distinct moments**. First there are **calling hours**, a wake at which people gather socially to visit, to reminisce and yes – even joke and laugh about the past. And second, there is the **funeral Mass** with its prayers and rites focused on the mysteries of faith in the light of eternity. Finally, there is the **committal** at the cemetery.

The first two are not mutually exclusive. The wake includes prayer, and the funeral Mass has to have a warm and personal touch, with an appropriate reference to the deceased person’s life. However, sometimes there is **temptation to blur the difference between the wake and the Mass**, to eliminate one or the other, or to speak of the Mass as only a memorial.

The **wake is the primary place for remembering and celebrating the person’s life** in this world. At the funeral Mass itself, the liturgy allows some brief word of thanks by a family member after communion, but not long eulogies that are more appropriate for a wake. If others need to speak in church, for example, at the funeral of a public figure, then, if circumstances permit, this might more appropriately be done before the funeral Mass begins. The committal service at the cemetery also provides an opportunity for other ceremo-

changes at work, **pulling us away from Catholic doctrine and piety** concerning the dead. The reality of

nials; for example, the military honors shown to deceased veterans.

A **funeral Mass is offered for the purpose of commending the deceased – body and soul – to the loving mercy of God, and in doing so we console the sorrowing with God’s Word and the Eucharist, we thank God for the life of the deceased** and we affirm the bond between the living and dead in the communion of saints. The faith of the Church is distorted, and the dead are done a great disservice, when funeral liturgies are interpreted as only memorial services or even a form of canonization with little or no reference to the truths of our faith that I have mentioned.

Another concern is that sometimes cremation leads to the exclusion of the body of the deceased from the funeral Mass. For the Church, “the human body is **in Christ a temple of the Holy Spirit** and is destined for future glory at the resurrection of the dead” (cf. *Order of Christian Funerals: Appendix 2, Cremation*). In keeping with that dignity and hope, the body of the deceased should be present at the funeral Mass, with cremation afterward if that is what is desired. If this is not possible, then at least the cremated remains should be present for the funeral Mass.

Reverence for the body also calls for **burial in consecrated ground**, and this has given rise to our parish and diocesan cemeteries. Cremated remains too “should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires” (Ibid.).

This year, All Souls Day is on a Sunday, so we celebrated it at the liturgy that day. I invite you to **offer a special daily prayer for the faithful departed** during November, and to **visit the graves of your loved ones**, especially if it’s been a while since you last did so. I would also encourage parents to teach their children about the “**communion of saints**” that unites us in Christ to our deceased family members so that we pray for them and they pray for us. God bless you.

*The Most Rev. Leonard P. Blair is the archbishop of Hartford, CT. This column originally appeared in The Catholic Transcript this past October.*

# November 16, 2014

## Readings for the week of November 16, 2014

**Monday:** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43  
**Tuesday:** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10, or, (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33  
**Wednesday:** Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28  
**Thursday:** Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44  
**Friday:** Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

Our parish has raised **\$19,100** of **SRP's goal of \$30,000** towards Catholic Charities. **Thanks to a generous friend who will match each new contribution in Oct. and Nov. up to our goal, we are extending the drive through November.** Please help us reach our goal! Thank you!



## Parish Giving

We have now implemented the online giving option for your convenience. You can access the link via our website, [www.saint-raphael-parish.com](http://www.saint-raphael-parish.com) and follow the steps to register for automatic payments or just a one time donation. Have questions? Call the rectory at 623.2604 and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have. **Laminated cards are located on the table at the back of the church for you to drop into the collection basket during the offertory collections.**

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**If you have a family member who is currently serving in any branch of the Armed Forces, please contact the parish office at 623-2604 so that we can include them in our bulletin. Please keep in your prayers:**

**Danielle Wells  
Kenneth Breuder  
Philip Breuder**

## Weekly Collection

**November 9, 2014**

Offertory Regular	\$ 2,854.00
Offertory Make-Up	\$ 639.00
Offertory Loose	\$ 728.00
Offertory Online Giving	\$ 245.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 4,466.00</b>

Stewardship	\$ 2,110.30
All Saints Day	\$ 50.00
Food Pantry	\$ 150.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Saint Raphael Food Pantry** This past Monday, November 10, the Food Pantry served **26** families and gave out **45** bags of groceries. We need cereal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, and brown paper and plastic shopping bags. Also, gently used blankets, any size, would be appreciated! Thank you!



We are still looking to increase our group of altar servers **especially for the 4 pm Saturday Vigil, 7:30 am, and 5 pm Sunday Masses.** Typically, candidates are considered as soon as they reach third grade and have made their First Communion. *If you are interested in training to be a server, please contact Kerri Stanley in the rectory at 623.2604 in order to set up a training session.*



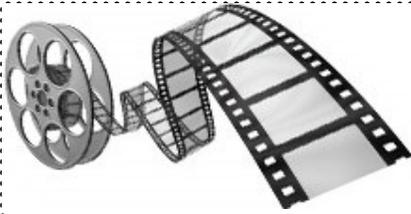
**Christ the King Brunch** Sunday, Nov. 23, is the Solemnity of Christ the King. **Following the 9:30 am Mass, which will include "the Procession of the Nations,"** we will have a brunch in the parish hall. Please join us for fellowship!



### ***Rejoice and Be Glad!***

**INTERFAITH WOMEN OF NH** gathers in the Manchester area to share diverse religious beliefs, cultures, and traditions and build friendships. We are pleased to invite all women to our next event on **Monday, December 8th**, at Temple Adath Yeshurun, 152 Prospect St., in Manchester. Registration starts at 6:15pm, followed by a tour of the Temple at 6:30 p.m. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. and includes a liturgical dance group, an opportunity to participate in Israeli dance, an Asian Indian classical dance "Kathak," and Aksara, and a capella voice ensemble. Food and fellowship follow the program. Please RSVP to [interfaithwomennh@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithwomennh@gmail.com) or 669.5076.

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**SAINT RAPHAEL FILM FESTIVAL**—Mark your calendars for our annual film festival starting this weekend. We will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I. We will be screen four movies that reflect the ways in which the human spirit copes with the experiences and sacrifices of war. The films will be shown on Sunday, Nov. 16, 23, 30, and Dec. 7 following the 5 pm Mass. We will start with a light soup supper and begin the movie at 6:30 pm. Our first film is *Battle Ground* (originally, *Forbidden Ground*), a 2013 film from Australia about three British soldiers who find themselves stranded in No Man's Land after a failed charge on the German trenches. Set in France 1916.



**PARISH NURSE** will be here for blood pressures and screenings on Tuesday, Nov. 18 in the church conference room following the noon Mass.

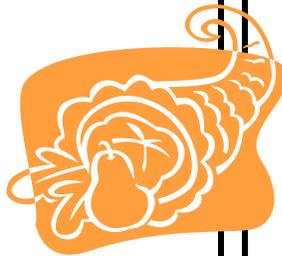


**REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DEAD** The Parish Book of Remembrance is available in the chapel underneath the statue of Saint Joseph, patron of a happy death, during this month.

Please feel free to enter the names of your recently deceased loved ones and friends whom you would like to have remembered in prayer. If you have entered a name already, you do not need to re-enter it.

## **JOIN US FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER!**

Saint Lawrence Parish, 51 Main Street, Goffstown, will be serving complimentary Thanksgiving dinners **Thursday, Nov. 27, 2014, between 12 and 2 pm.** If you would like to attend, please contact Lionel Coulon at 603.668.1039 to reserve a ticket.



Please pray for parishioner **David A. Oliver**, who died Nov. 11, and

**Ronald Hebert**, longtime Saint Anselm College employee, and whose funeral Mass were celebrated last week by P. Jerome, O.S.B., pastor. Please keep David and Ron and their families in your prayers.

*In Sympathy*



## **DON'T BE ALONE THIS THANKSGIVING!**

Don't be alone! Come and share in a community Thanksgiving Dinner! All are welcome! A wonderful, traditional Thanksgiving Dinner prepared by the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament is served in our Church Hall. There is no cost for the dinner; however, we do request that you RSVP by Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. The hall is handicapped accessible.

Blessed Sacrament Church Hall

14 Elm St. Manchester, NH

**Thursday, November 27, 2014**

Dinner Served from 12-2pm; RSVP by Nov. 25

To Blessed Sacrament Church, 622-5445



**Advent Evening of Music & Reflection** Saint Raphael Parish will host its annual Advent Evening of Reflection on **Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 7 pm.** We will have a variety of musical selections from various groups and individuals, interspersed with reflective readings related to the Advent season. You won't want to miss out. Parishioners and members of the wider community are invited to enjoy a candlelight evening of prayer and beauty. The musical program will be accompanied by Advent readings on the model of the traditional English Service of Lessons & Carols. Come and bring your friends to this beautiful tradition of Saint Raphael! **All are welcome!**